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Automated Pet Feeder

Motivation

- Greater than 89 million household dogs in the United States.
- Feeding pets may not always happen on schedule.
- Emergencies occur; eating schedule disrupted.
- Ownership of multiple dogs



Goals & Objectives

- Store two days quantity of food.
- Allow access to intended pet only.
- Specify quantity of food through mobile application.
- Up to two day operational time without household power.
- Analytics of pet eating behaviors available to user through mobile application.



Currently on the Market: FunPaw and PetNet

- ❖ Provides Portion Control for pets
- ❖ Able to dispense food via app
- ❖ They send push notifications of when food is dispensed
- ❖ Set scheduled feeding times
- ❖ FunPaw provides video stream
- ❖ None of these feeders incorporate water feature

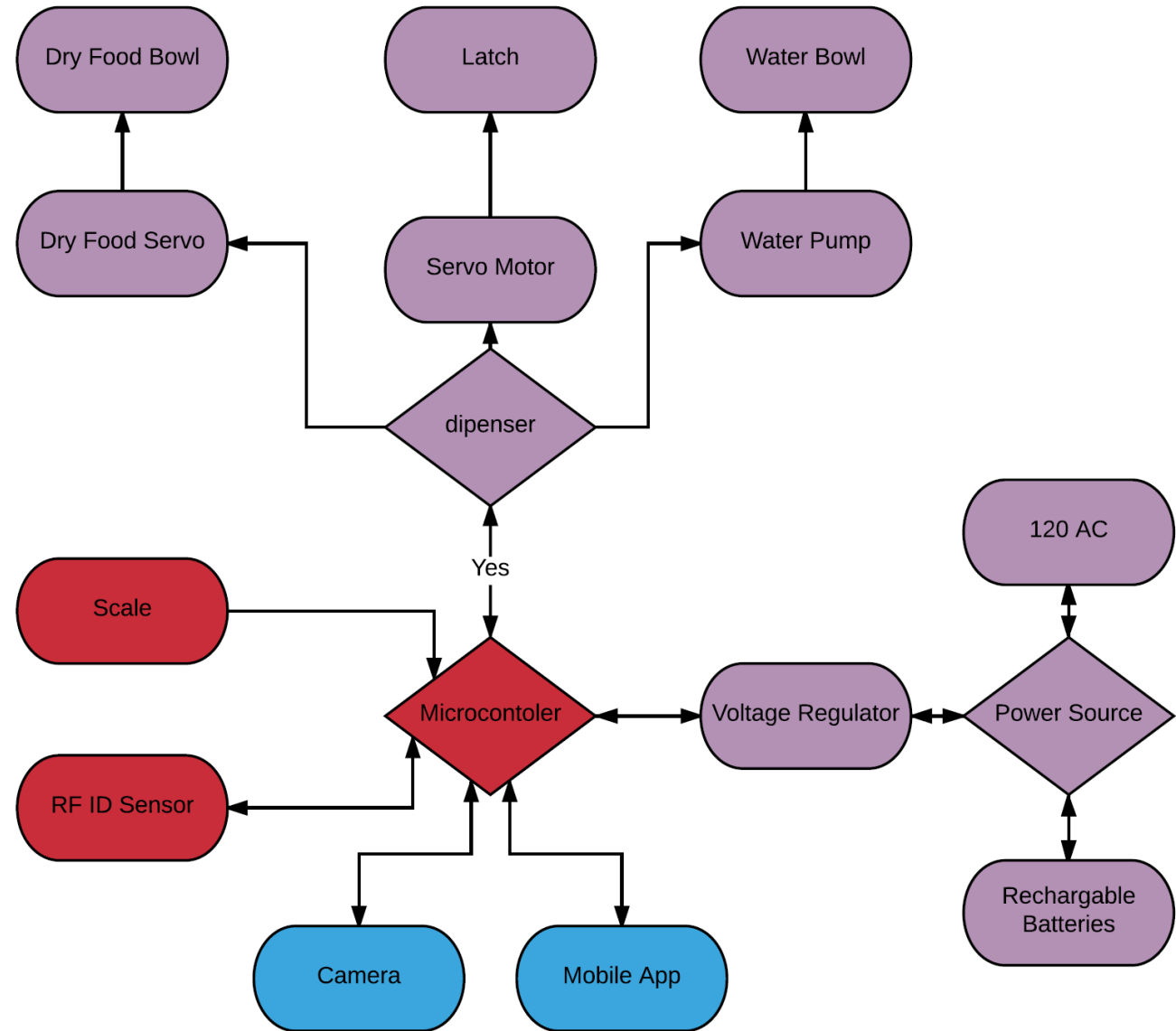


Hardware Block Diagram

Hector Rodriguez

Malcolm A. Morgan

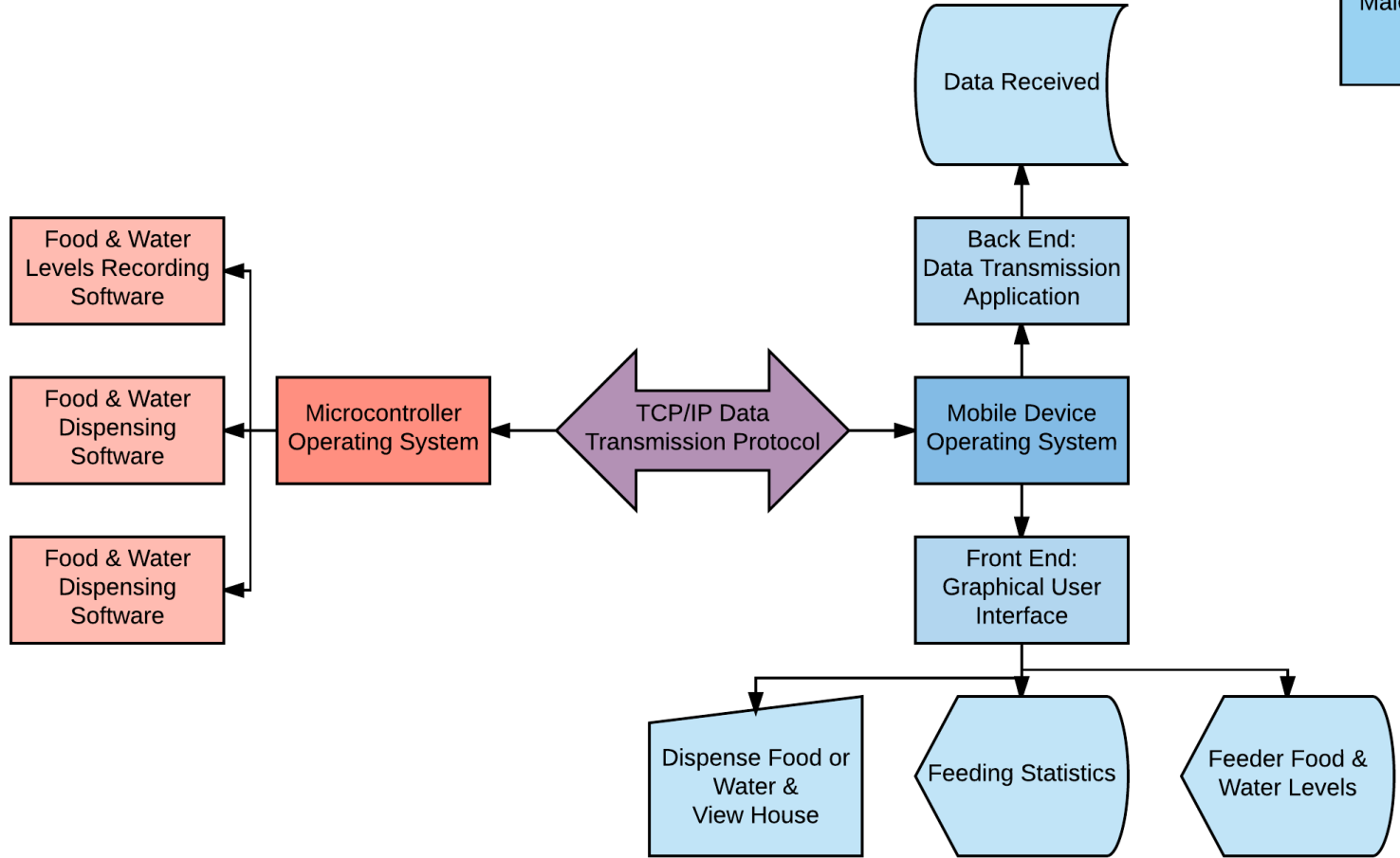
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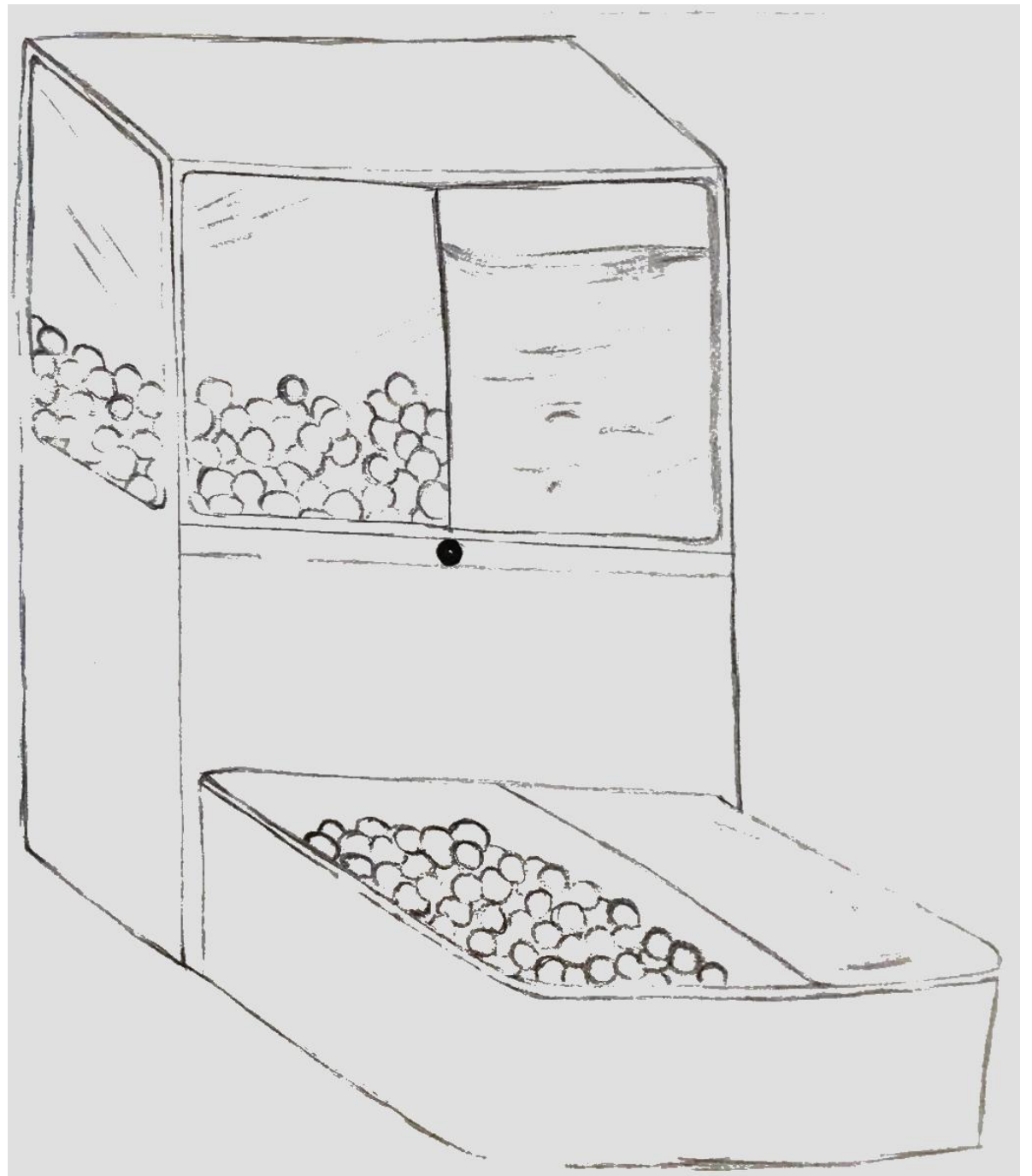
Software Block Diagram

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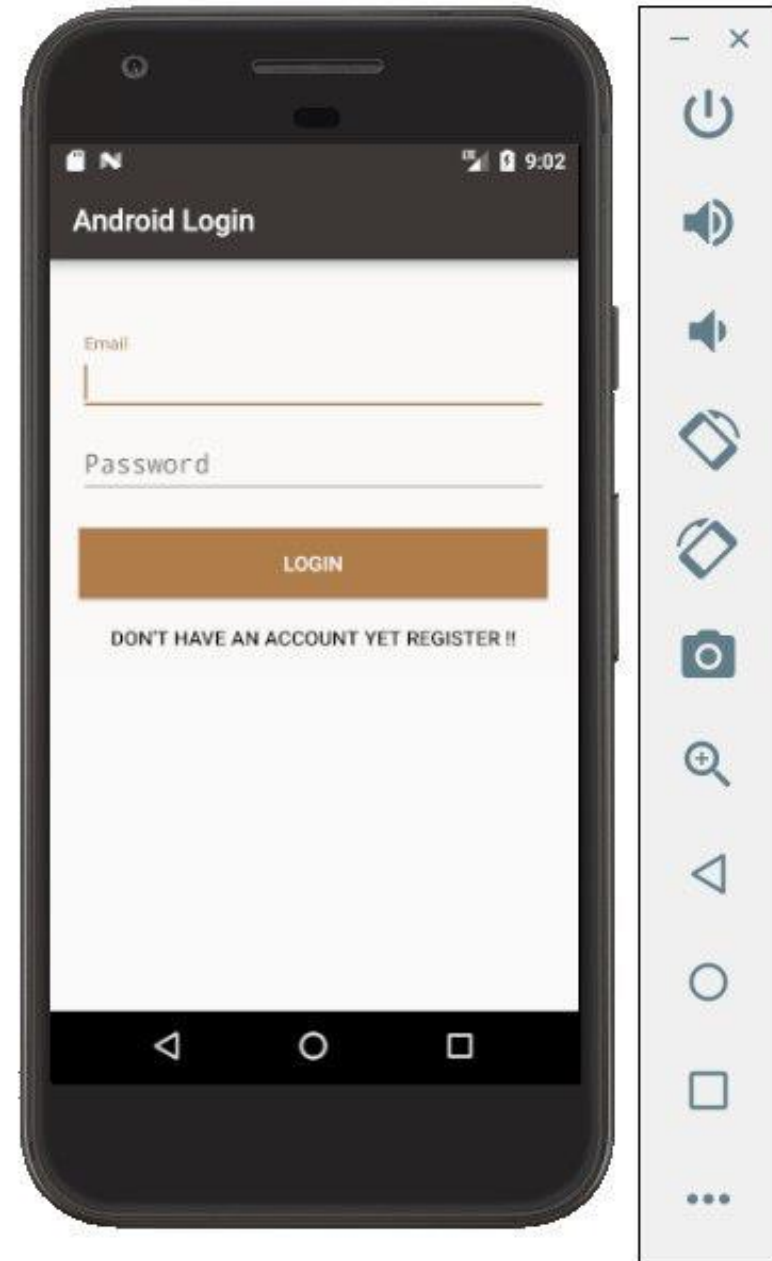
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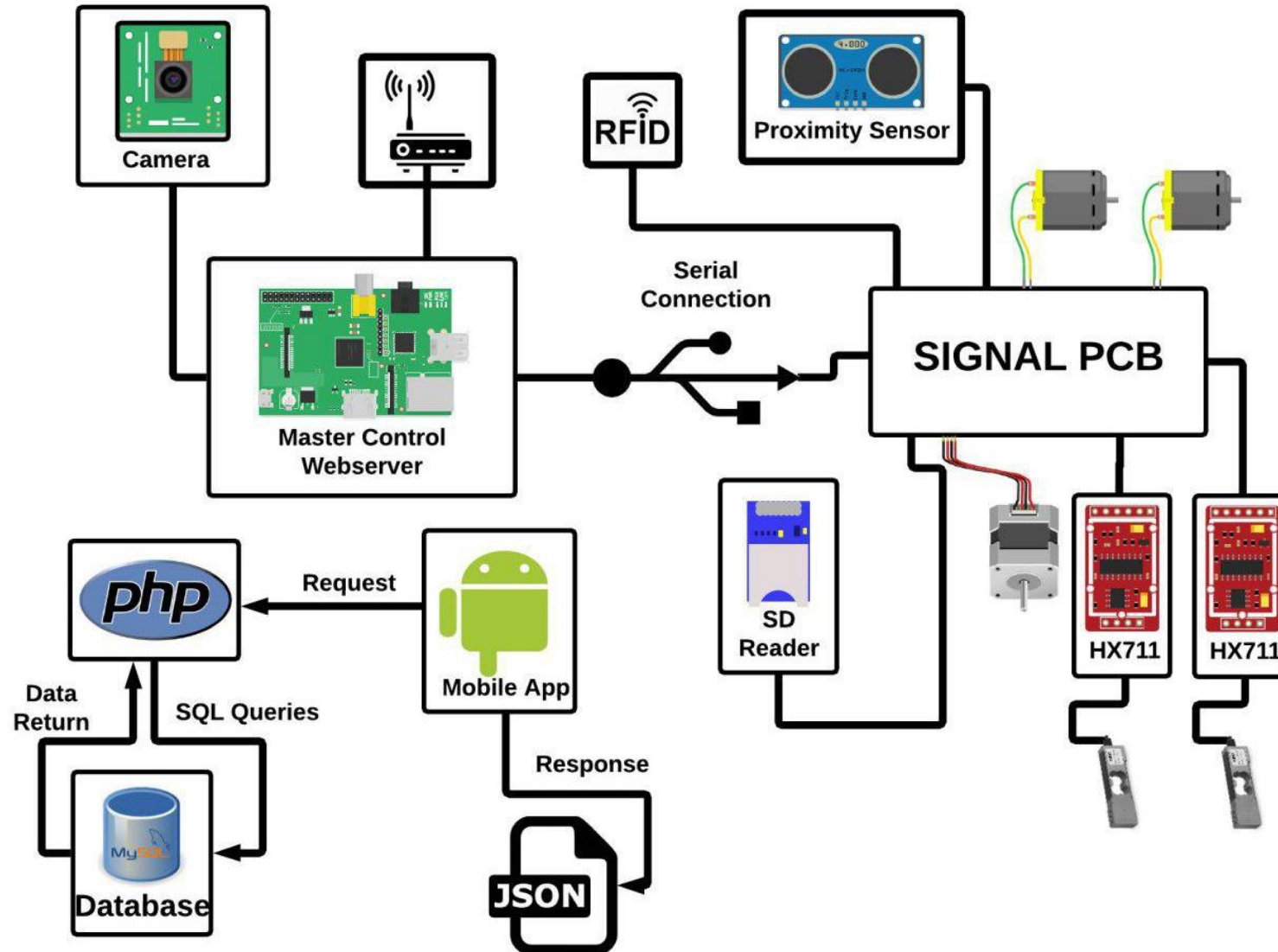
Enclosure Sketch



Mobile Application



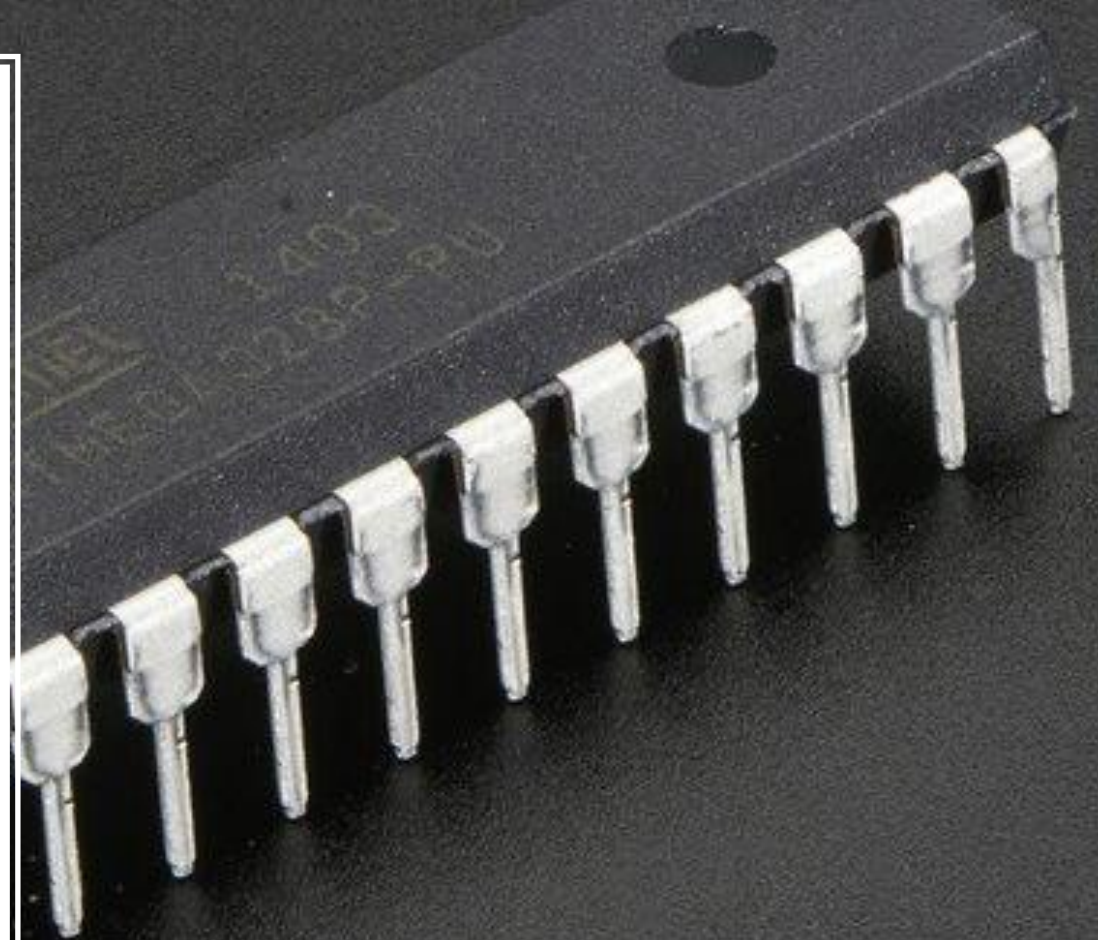
Overall System



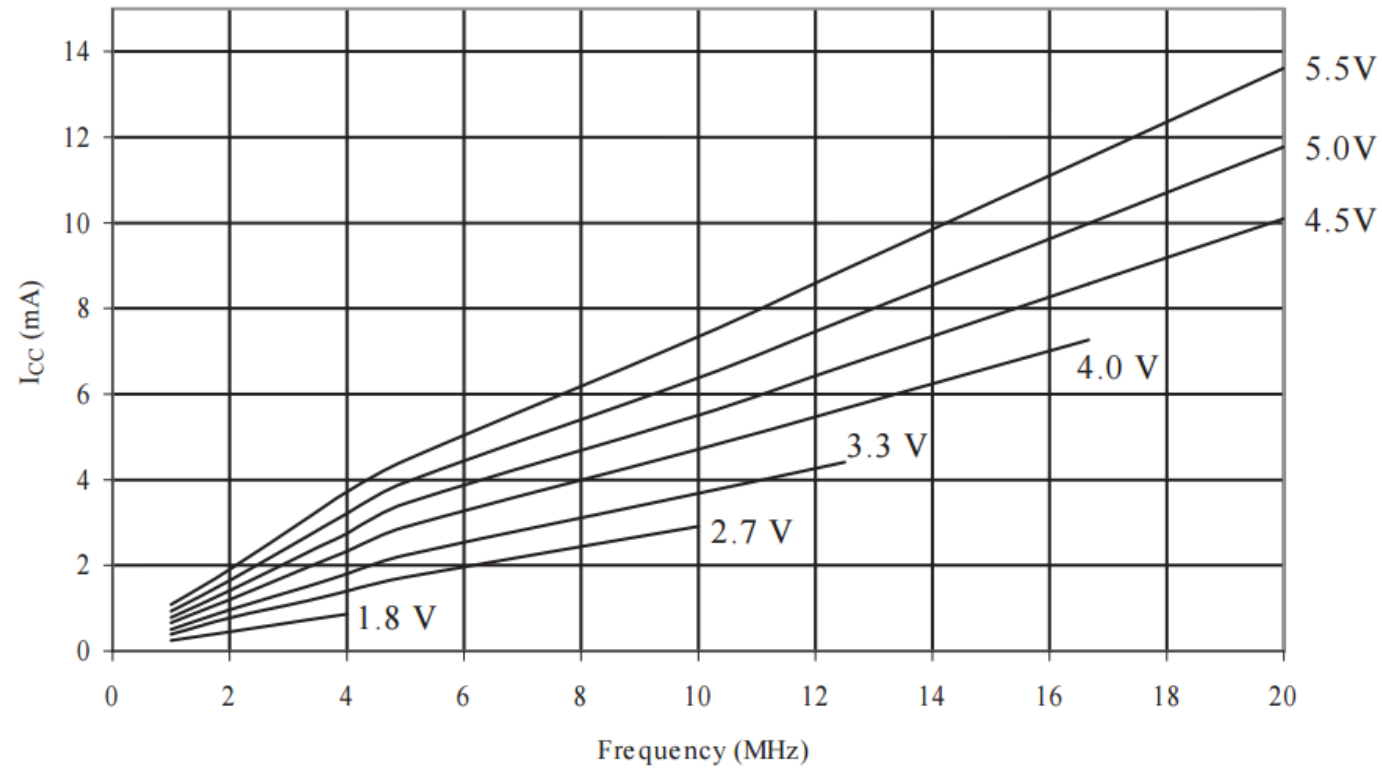
Major Components

Atmega328P-PU

- Reasons for Choice:
 - Extensive documentation.
 - Numerous add-ons.
 - Low cost.
 - Low power.
- Limitations:
 - Moderate amount of GPIOs.
 - Low processing power.
 - Limited RAM.
 - Limited storage.



re 33-2. ATmega328: Active Supply Current vs. Frequency (1MHz - 20MHz)



- 5V at 16MHz -> ~10mA
- Using 16MHz Uxcell Quartz Crystal Oscillator
- ~50mW Power
- Low Power Mode Available
- *Datasheet list 0.2A at 1MHz

Atmega328P-PU – Power Consumption

Atmega328P-PU – I/O

- 12 Digital GPIOs
- 6 Analog GPIOs
- 2 5V VCC

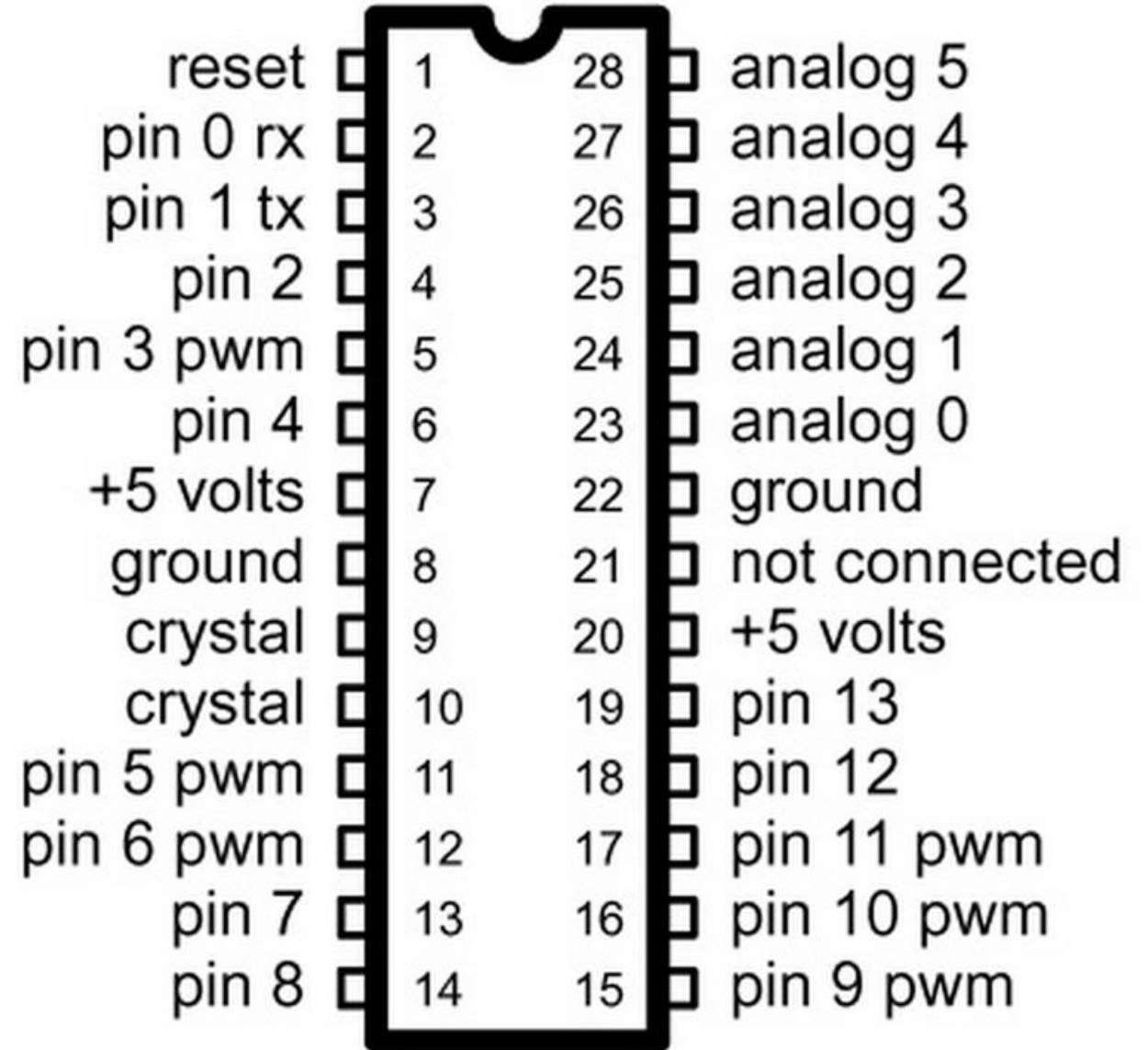
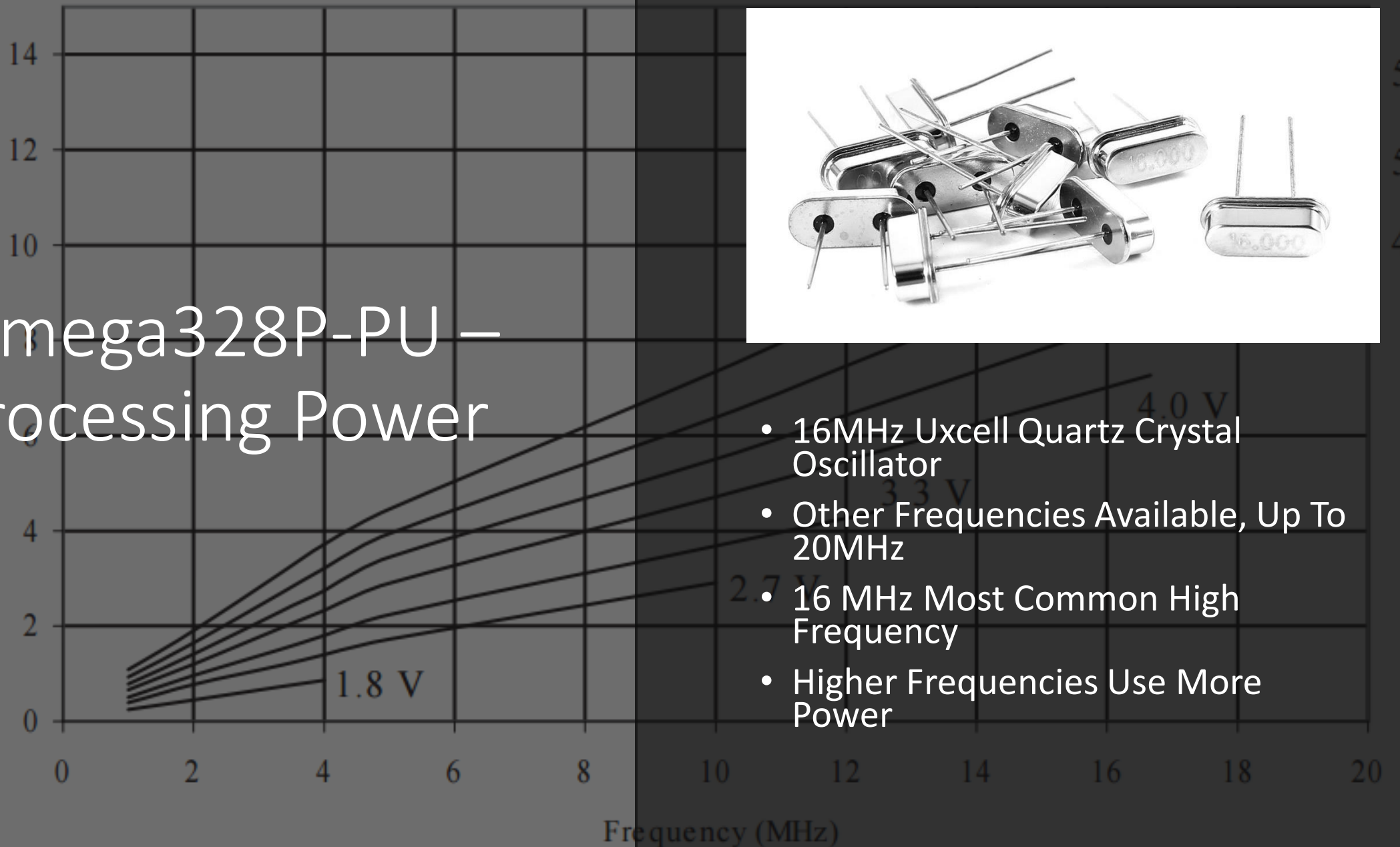


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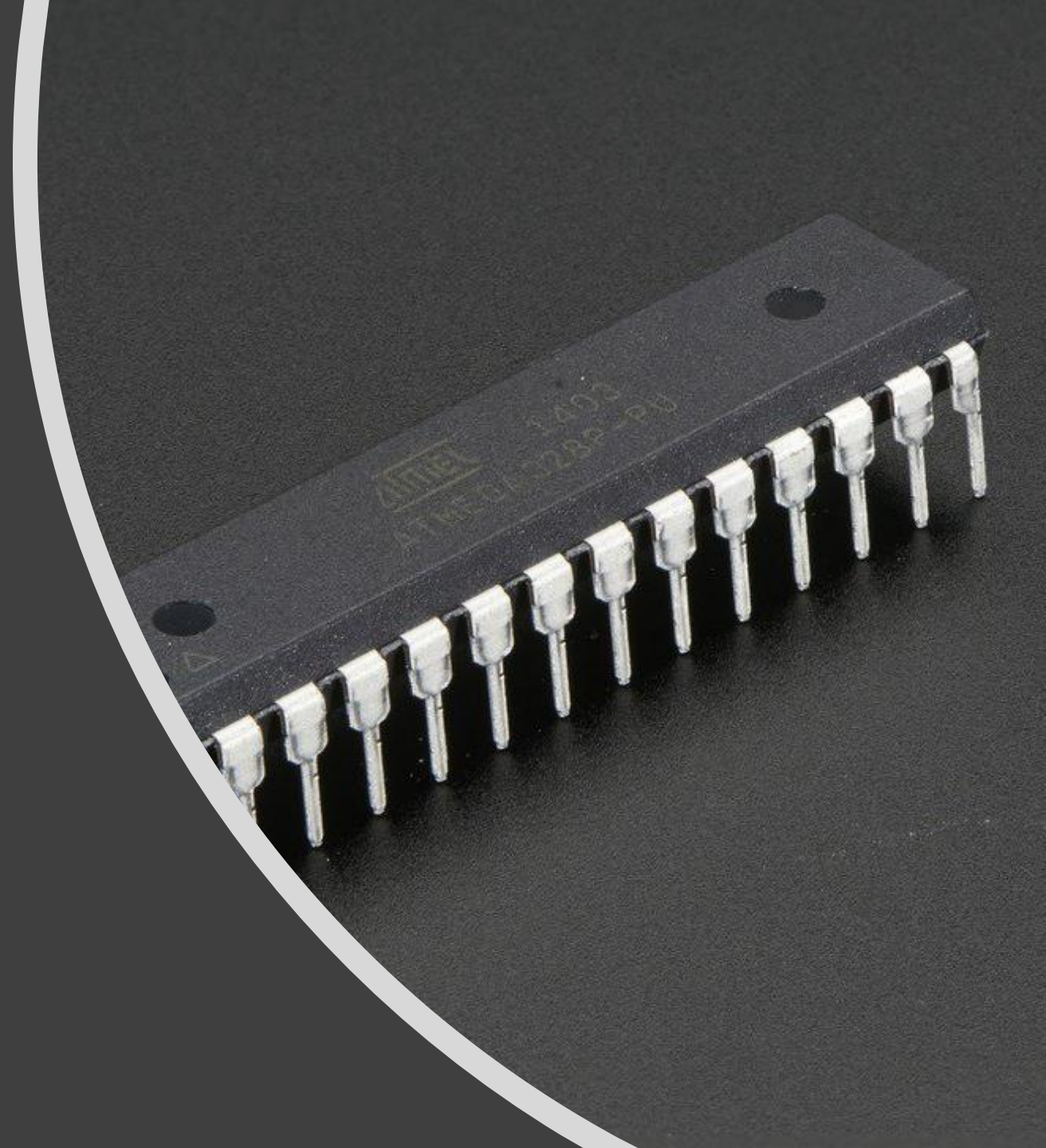
Atmega328P-PU – Processing Power



- 16MHz Uxcell Quartz Crystal Oscillator
- Other Frequencies Available, Up To 20MHz
- 16 MHz Most Common High Frequency
- Higher Frequencies Use More Power

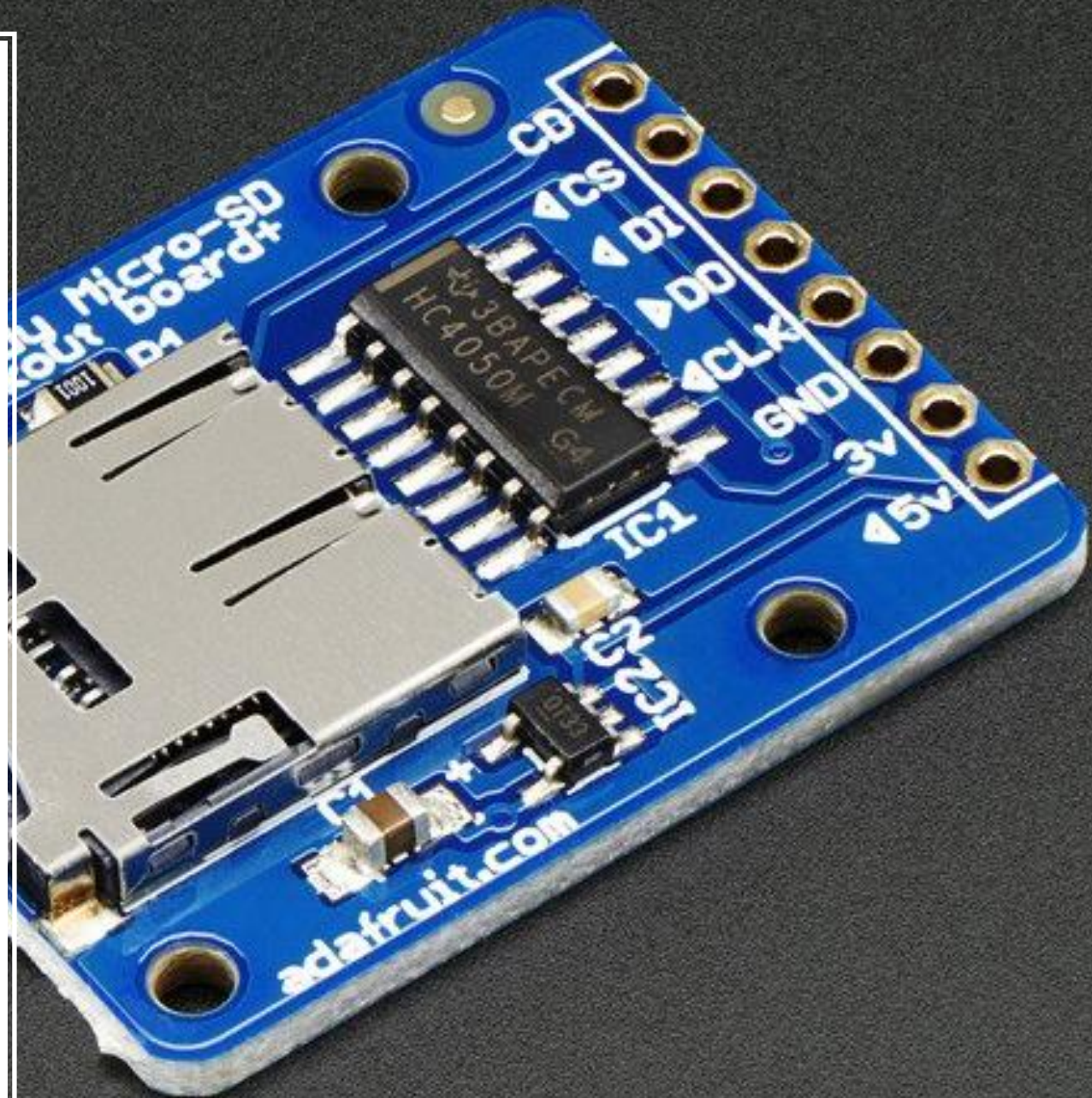
Atmega328P-PU – Program Memory & RAM

- 32 kB Program Memory Size
- 2 kB RAM Size
- 1 kB Config File Current Size
- Will not use program memory for data storage



MicroSD Card Breakout Board+

- Expands Atmega328P-PU storage.
- Used for storing incoming configuration files.
- Used for temporarily storing outgoing data.
- Used along with 16GB Patriot LX SERIES MICRO SDHC/SDXC
- 150mA max current draw for power hungry micro SD cards.
- Operates at 3V and 5V.





RASPBERRY PI 3 MODEL B

- Enables support for camera module.
- Provides additional bandwidth for image processing.
- WIFI functionality allows communication between feeder, database, and mobile application.
- Connects Atmega328P-PU to entire system.

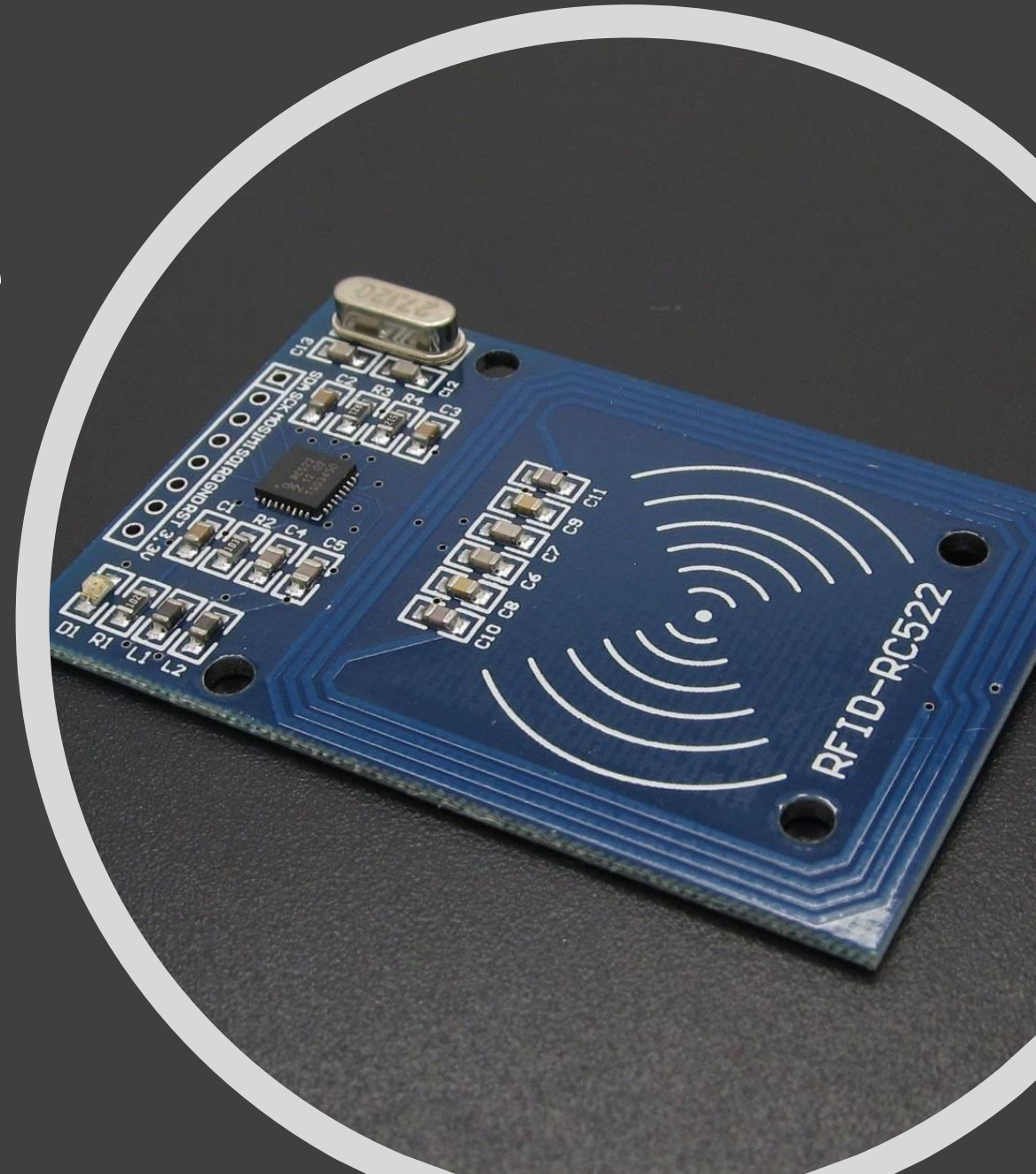


RASPBERRY PI 3 MODEL B

- Quad Core 1.2GHz Broadcom BCM2837 64bit CPU.
- 1GB RAM.
- BCM43438 wireless LAN and Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) on board.
- 40-pin extended GPIO.
- 4 USB 2 ports.
- 4 Pole stereo output and composite video port.
- Full size HDMI.
- CSI camera port for connecting a Raspberry Pi camera.
- DSI display port for connecting a Raspberry Pi touchscreen display.
- Micro SD port for loading your operating system and storing data.
- Upgraded switched Micro USB power source up to 2.5A.
- Micro USB power supply (2.1 A).

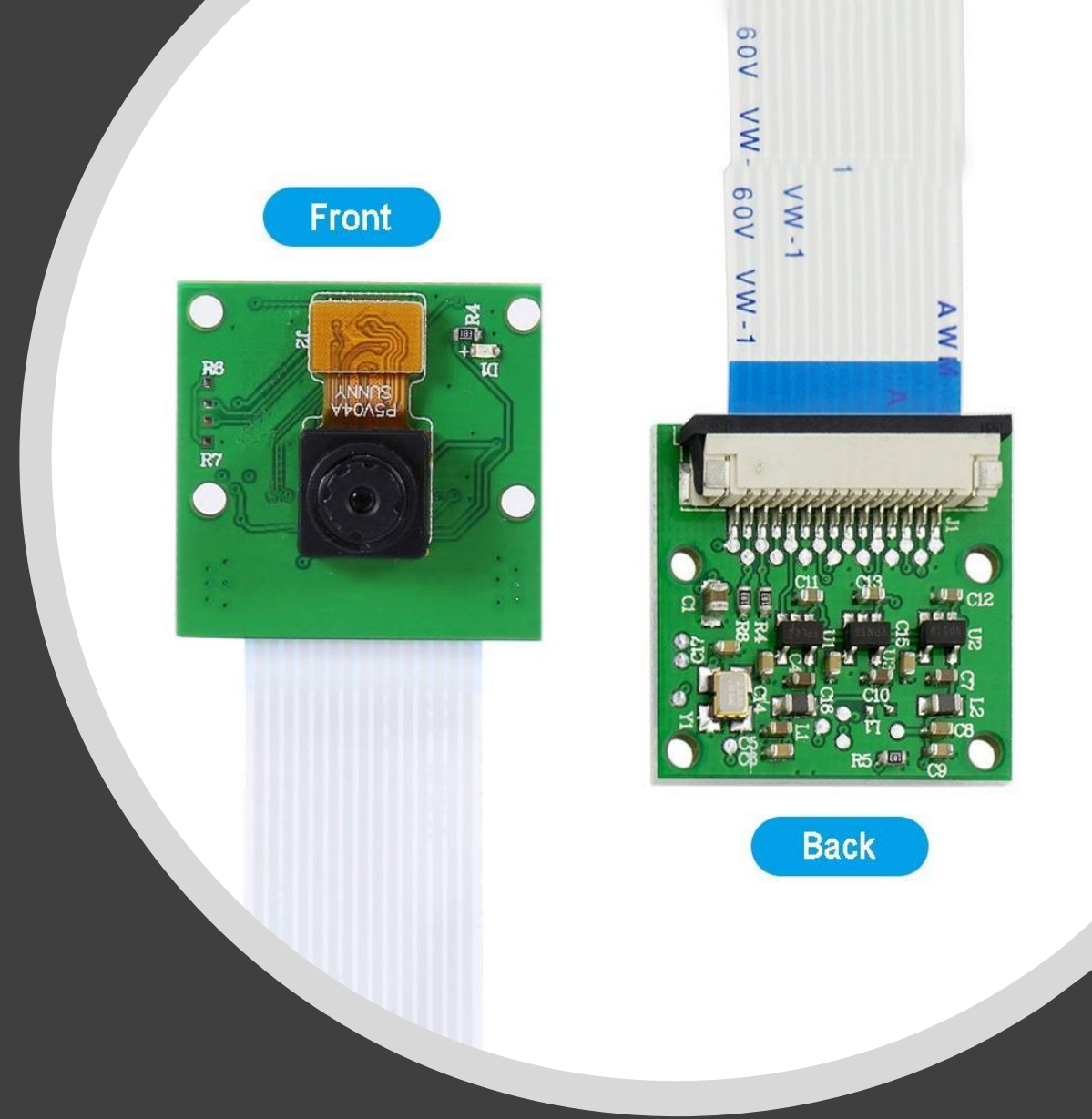
Mifare MF522-AN RFID Module

- 3.3V Operating voltage.
- 13-26mA Operating current.
- 10-13mA Idle current.
- <80uA Sleep current.
- <30mA Peak current.
- 13.56MHz Operating Frequency.
- ~3" - 8" Limited Range.



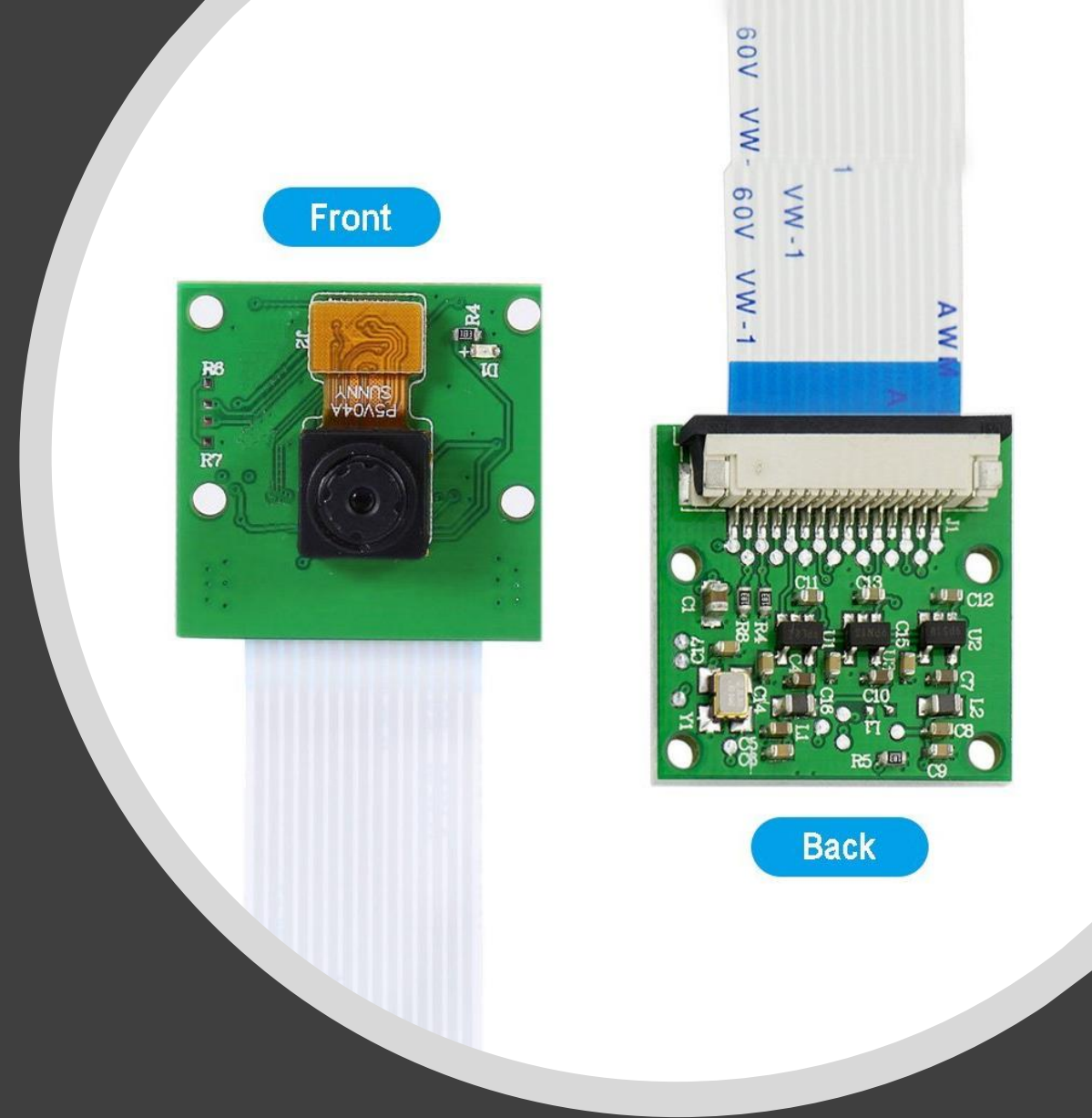
Keystudio Camera Module

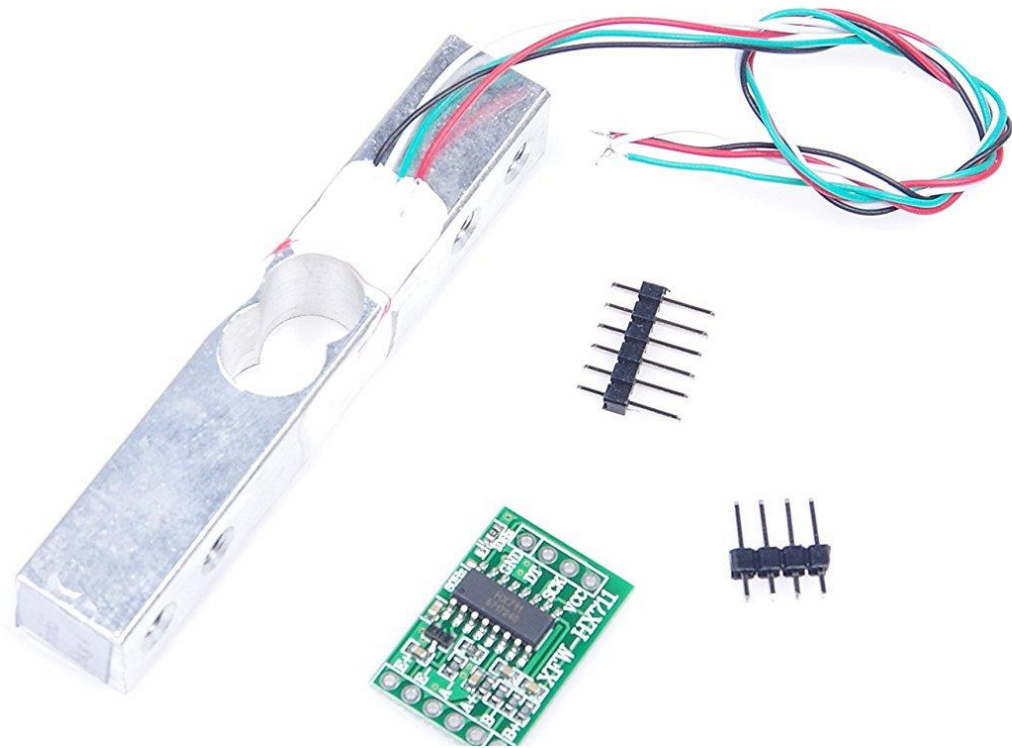
- Allows Pet Observation.
- Captures High Resolution Images.
- Video Capability in Future. Software Release.



Keystudio Camera Module

- OV5647 Image Sensor.
- 2592 × 1944 pixel Maximum Photo Resolution.
- 1080p30, 720p60 and 640x480p90 Supported Video Resolution.
- 25mm x 24mm x 9mm Physical Dimensions.
- CSI MINI Connector Interface.
- Raspbian Supported OS.





Digital Load Cell Weight Sensor

- Used for tracking food usage.
- Used for tracking water usage.
- 5kg Max mass quantity.
- 5VDC Operating voltage.
- <math><1.5\text{mA}</math> Normal operation.
- Requires 2 GPIOs.

Digital Load Cell Weight Sensor Example



ZJchao Peristaltic Liquid Pump

- Used for water dispensation.
- 12VDC Motor voltage.
- 300mA Motor current.
- 100 mL/min Flow rate.
- Limited flowrate.



| Specifications | LM2596 | MIC4576 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Voltage Range | 1.2V – 37V | 1.2V – 33V |
| Efficiency | N/A | 75% |
| Frequency | 150kHz | 200kHz |
| Protection Features | Thermal/Current Limiter | Thermal/Current Limiter |
| Price | \$4.70 | \$3.58 |



Power Supply – Voltage Regulator

Reasons for Choosing LM2596

- Original design and testing performed using LM7805 and LM7812.
- Too many issues with implementing original design.
- Decided switching regulators would be ideal for our application.
- Top two choices were TI's LM2596 and the MIC4576BT by Farnell.
- Specs almost identical based decision on available documentation and product reputation.



Motor Drivers – L298N vs. TB6612FNG Comparisons



| Motor Driver | Operating Voltage | Operating Current | Peak Current | H-Bridge | Size (mm) |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------|
| L298N | 4.5-46V | 2A | 3A | Bipolar Transistor | 43x43x27 |
| TB6612FNG | 4.5-15V | 1.2A | 2-3.2A | MOSFET | 20x20 |

Calculating the Efficiency for the Motor Driver

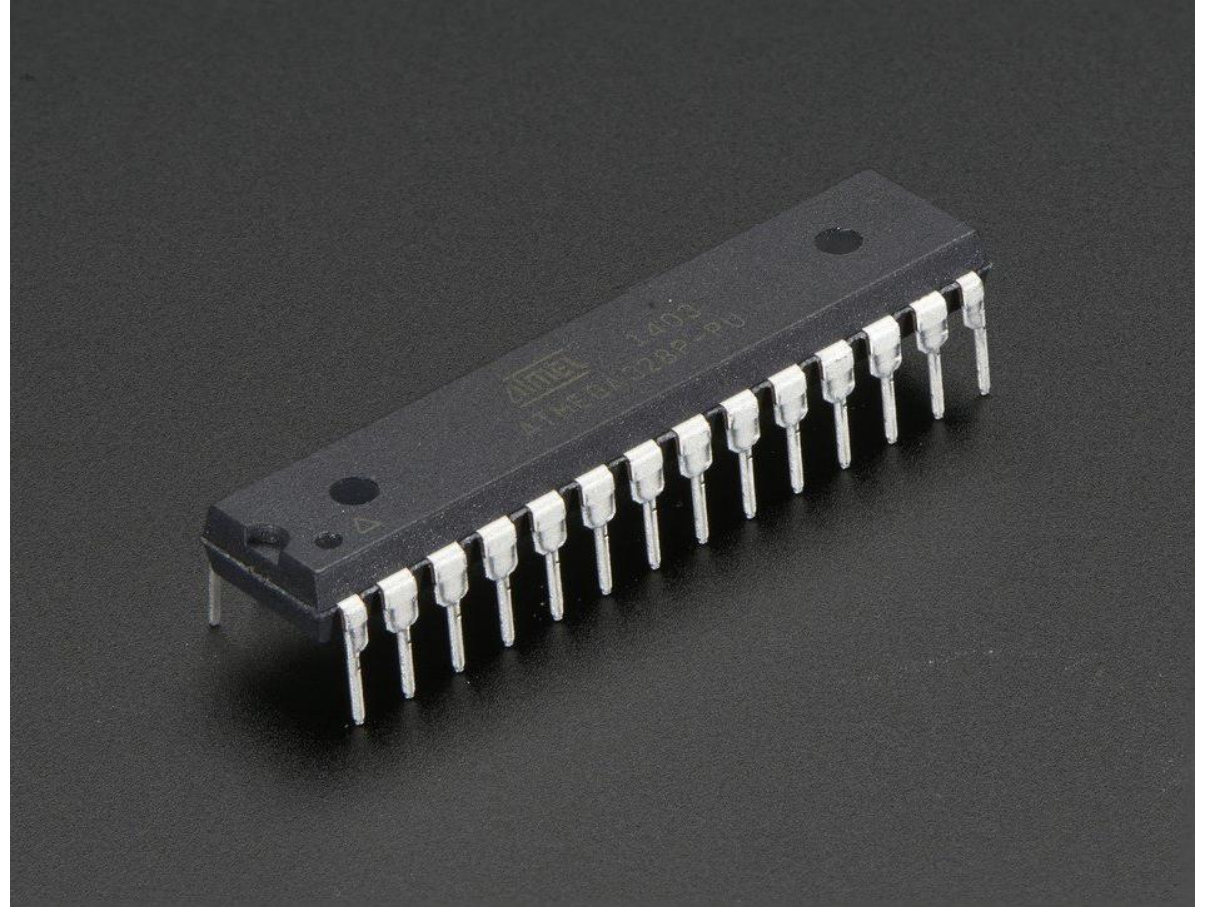
Given a supply voltage of 12V

| Motor Driver | Driver Voltage | Motor Voltage | Driver Current | Motor Current | Efficiency |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------|
| L298N | 11.93V | 10.21V | .465A | .365A | ~70.2% |
| TB6612FNG | 11.92V | 11.73V | .463A | .453A | ~95.97% |

$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{\text{Driver Voltage} * \text{Motor Current}}{\text{Motor Voltage} * \text{Driver Current}}$$

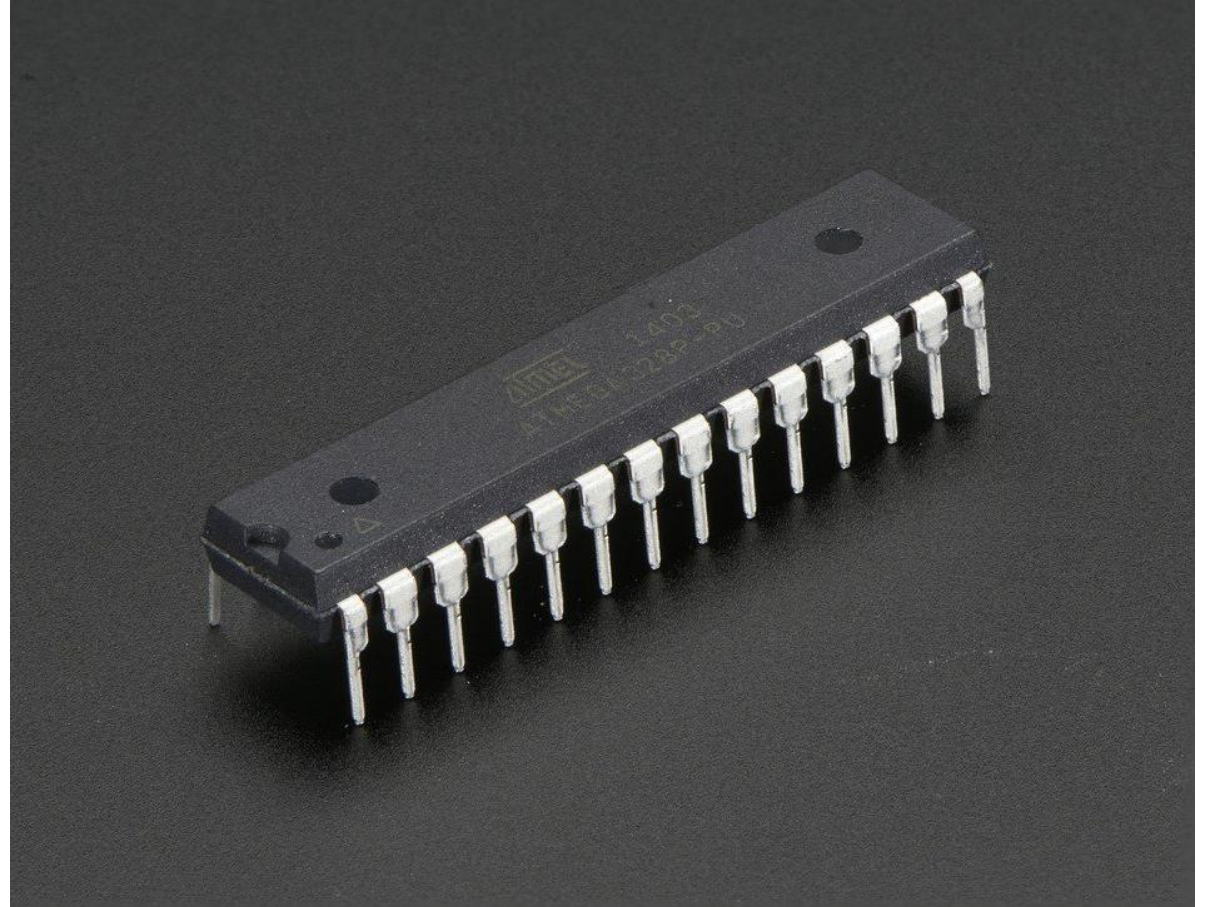
ATMEGA PWM LIMITATION ISSUES

- ATMEGA328P-PU only consist of 6 PWM pins.
- Current design layout consists of using two ATMEGA328P-PU chips.
- Original design with all peripherals consisted of too many PWM pins.
- Already purchased and designed around the ATMEGA328P-PU.
- Forced to design a more efficient design that consisted of less PWM pins.



Solving PWM Issue

- Currently looking into ways to minimized number of PWM pins.
- Limited to output current from Arduino pins.
- Possible solution would be to use a relay system to power on and off motors instead of use of motor drivers.
- In process of choosing best relay and associated components to implement for our application
- Needs to be able to take in 12VDC to power DC motor.
- If this works, we may possibly use to power and control both food dispensing and water dispensing motors.



Futaba S3003 Standard Servo

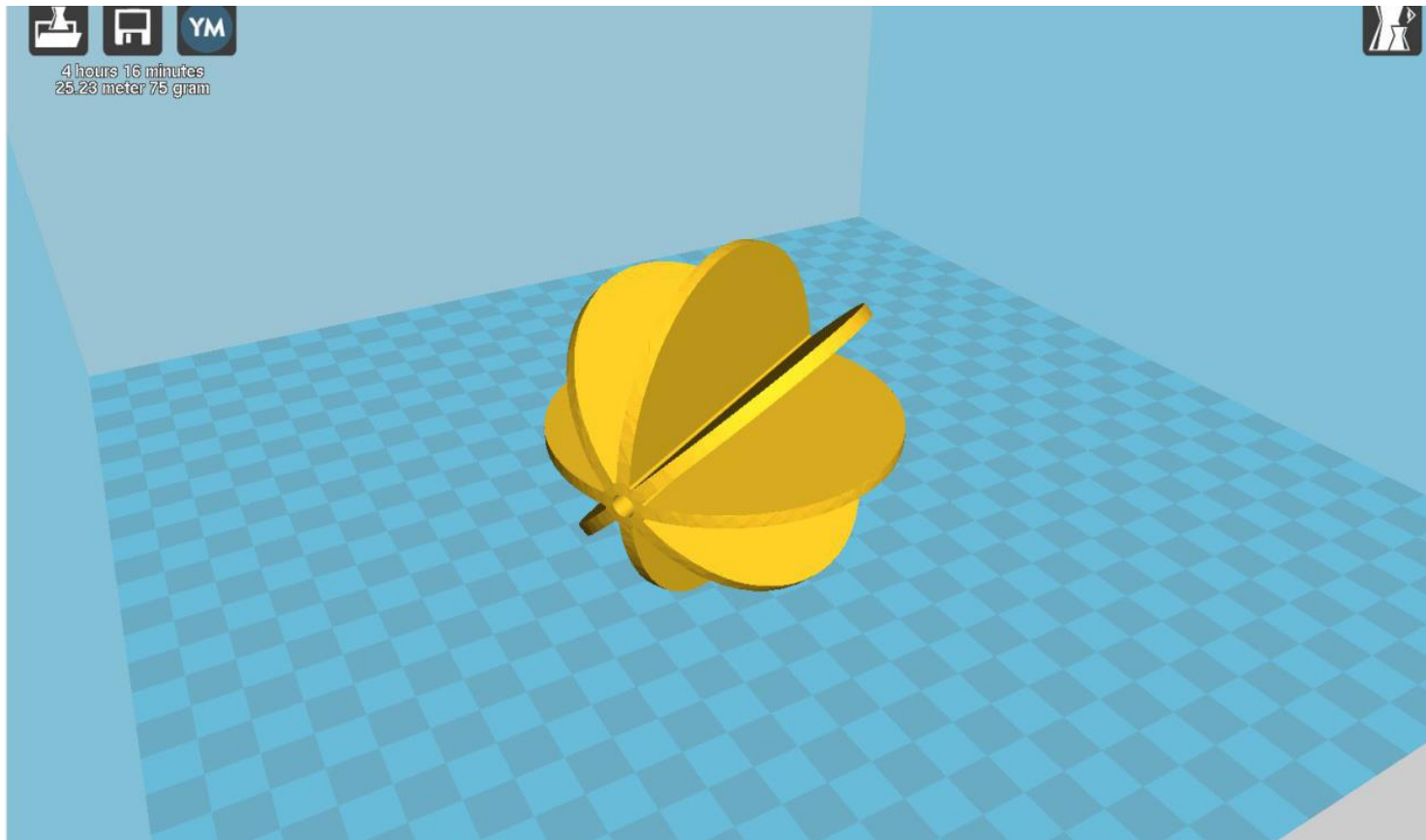
- Allows single 360° revolution.
- Tracks position.
- Used for door.
- 0.23 sec/60° @ 4.8V Speed.
- 0.19 sec/60° @ 6V Speed.
- 44 oz-in (3.2 kg-cm) @ 4.8V Torque.
- 57 oz-in (4.1 kg-cm) @ 6V Torque.
- 25mA Idle current.
- 100mA Operational current.
- 400mA Stall current.



Nextrox High Torque Electric Motor

- 30 N*cm Torque
- 12VDC Voltage
- 60RPM
- Allows unlimited revolutions.
- High torque for turning food pedal.





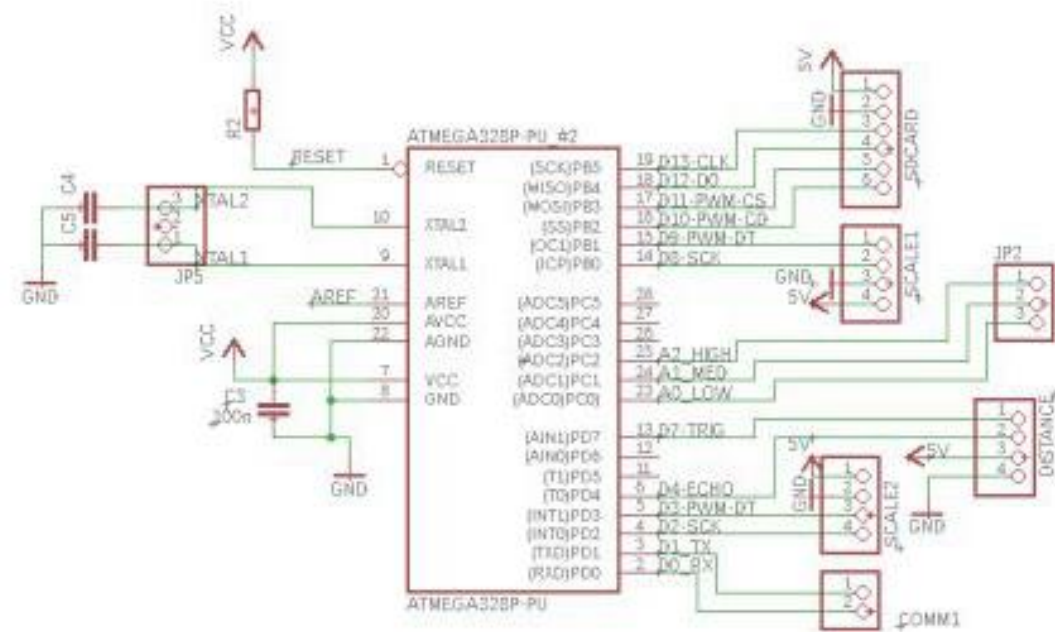
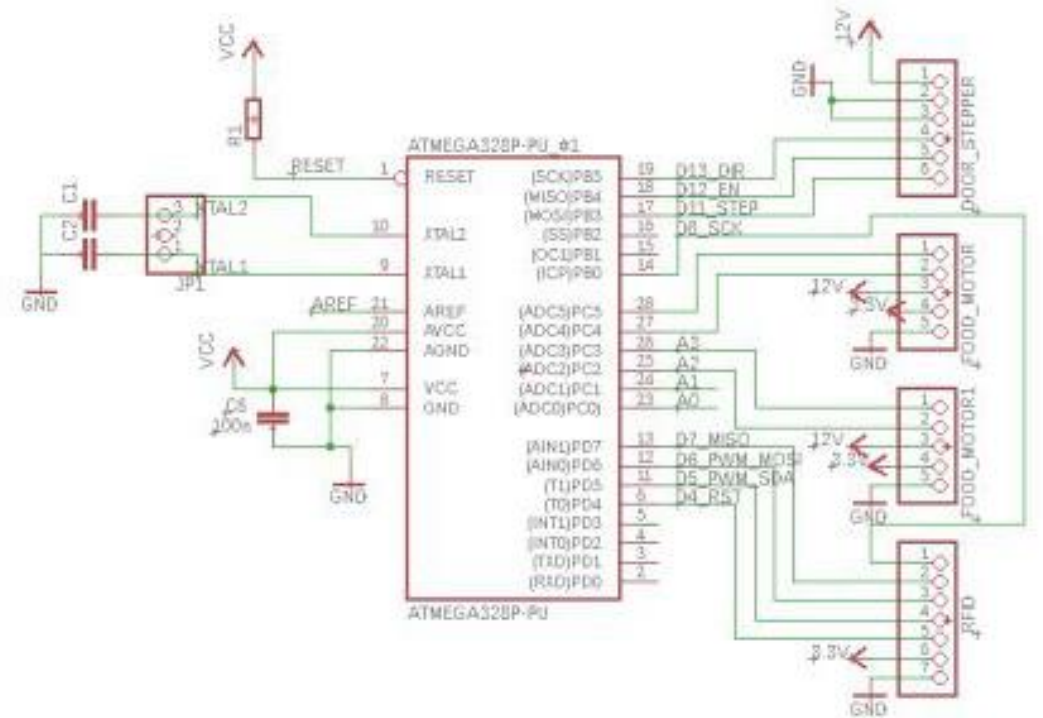
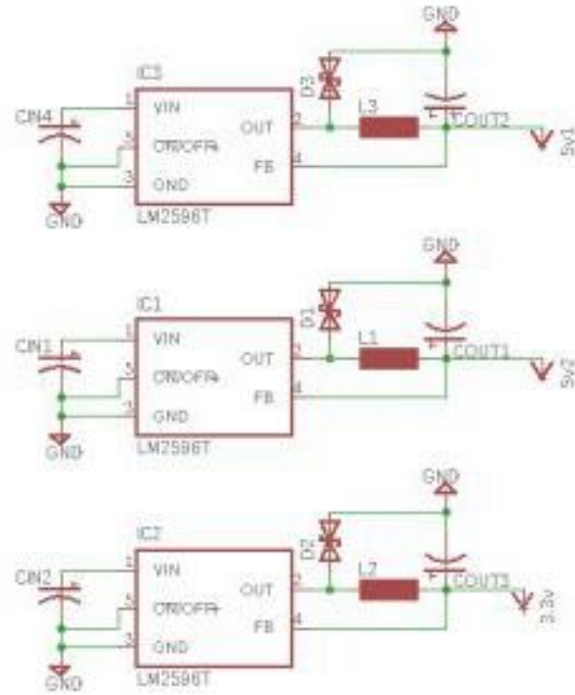
Food Dispensing Pedal

- Used in conjunction with high torque DC motor.

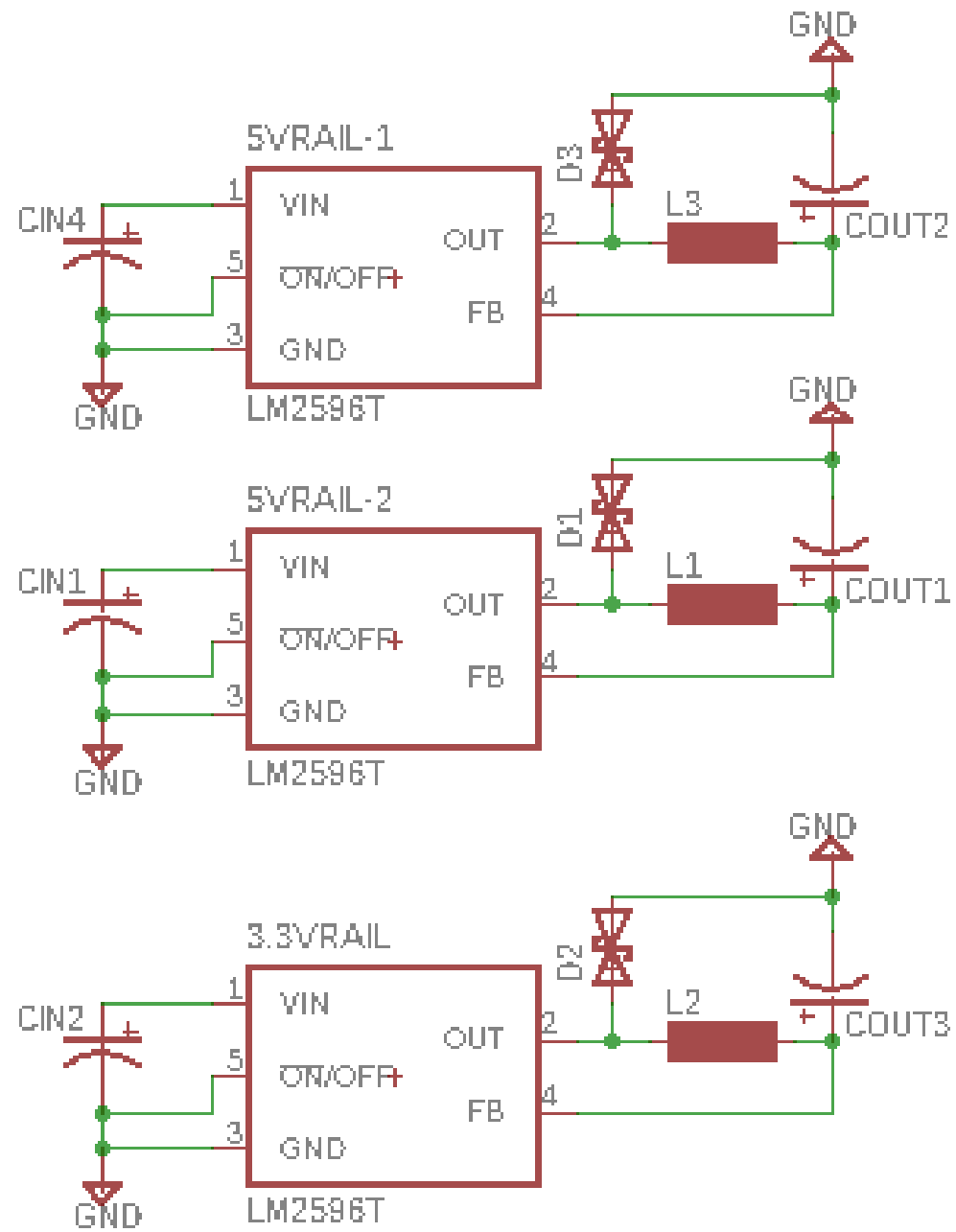


PCB and Schematics Designs

Overall Schematic

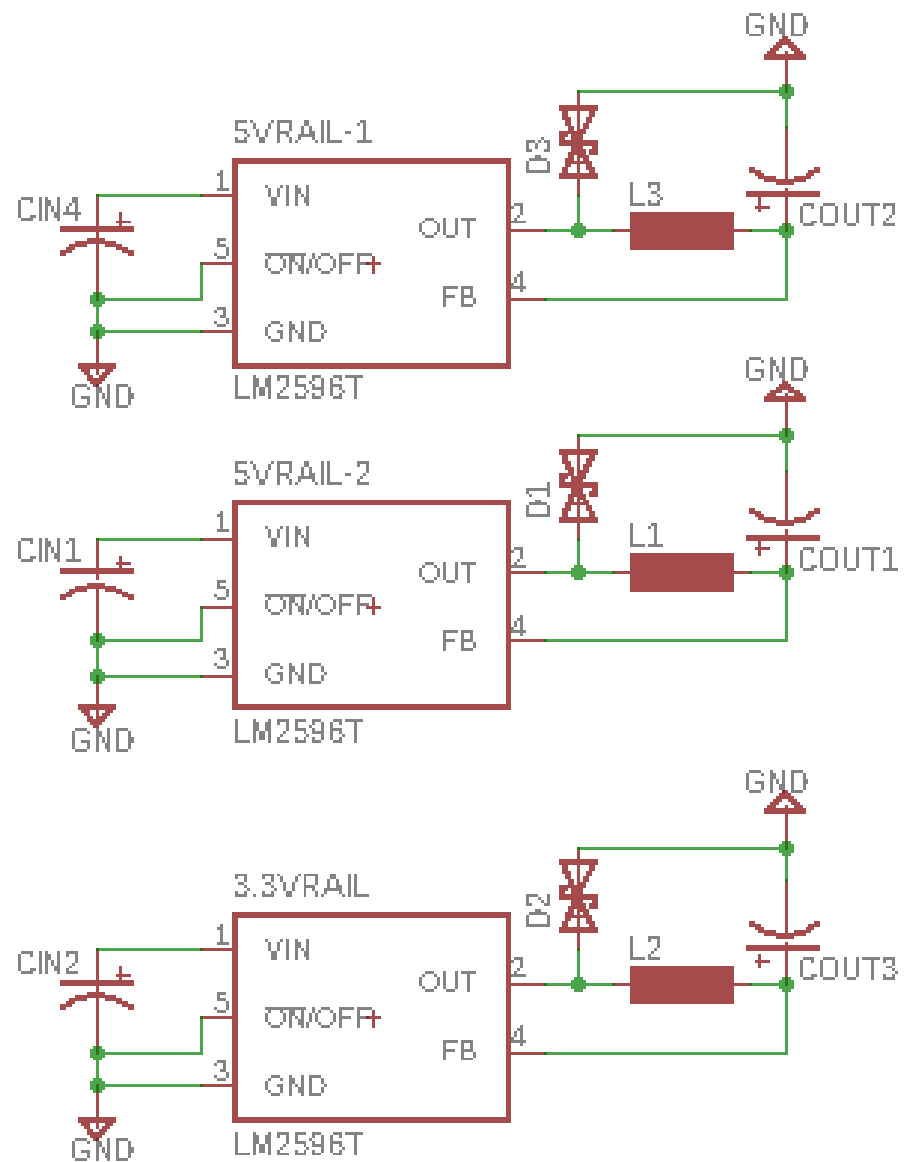


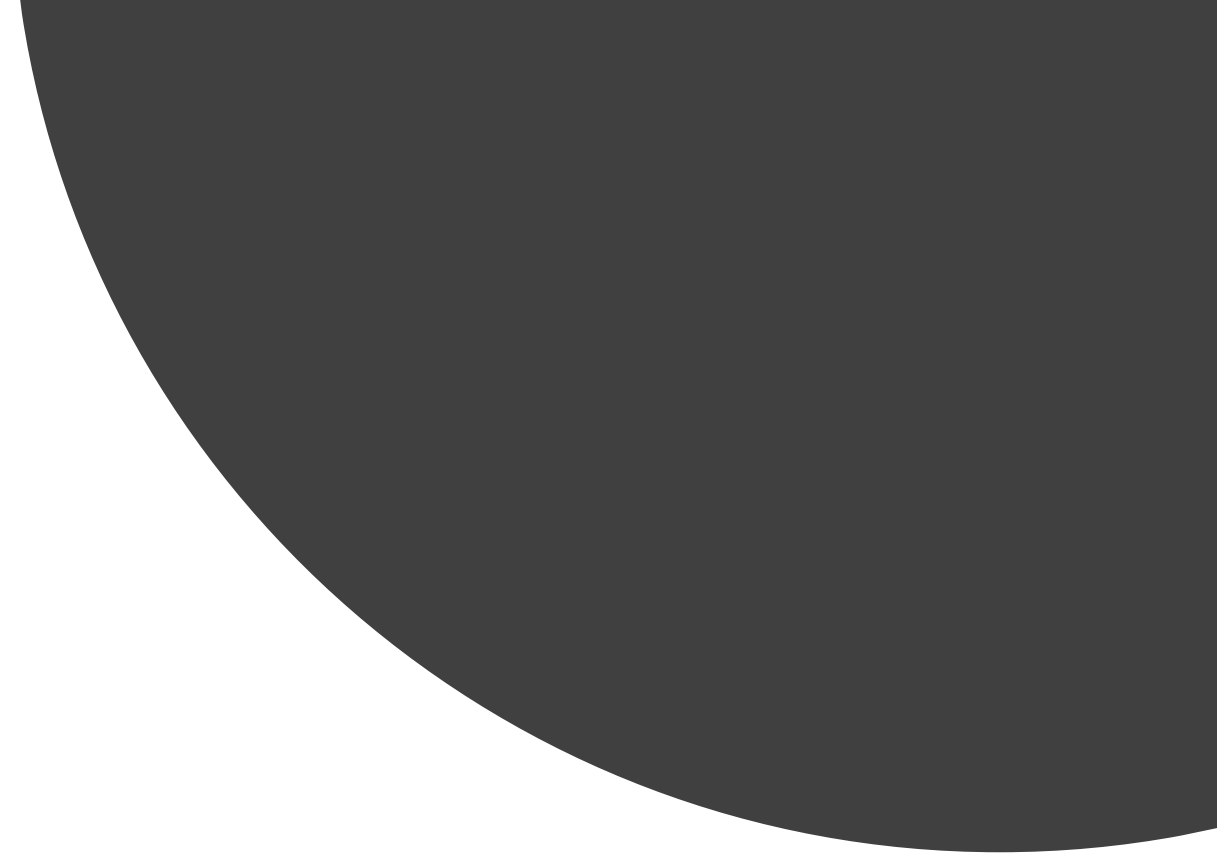
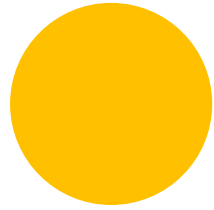
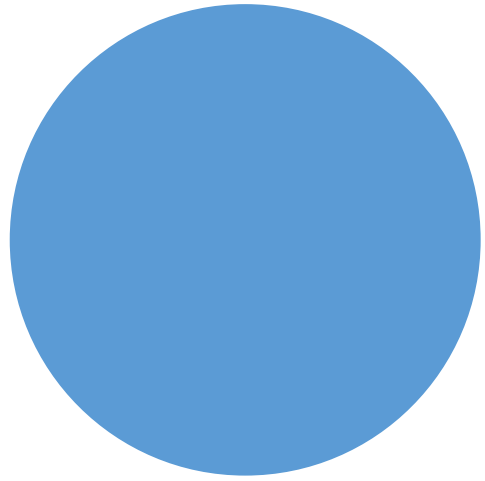
Power Supply – PCB



Power Supply – PCB

- One 12V rail.
Primarily for motors.
- Two 5V rails.
Primarily for larger electronics.
- One 3.3V rail.
Primarily for smaller electronics.





Software



Raspberry Pi Webserver

- It's like owning your own personal cloud which means free storage.
- Free self web-hosting.
- Ability to setup site content quick and easy with allowing quick changes to content.
- Allowed to use Let's Encrypt for free SSL Certificates unlike.



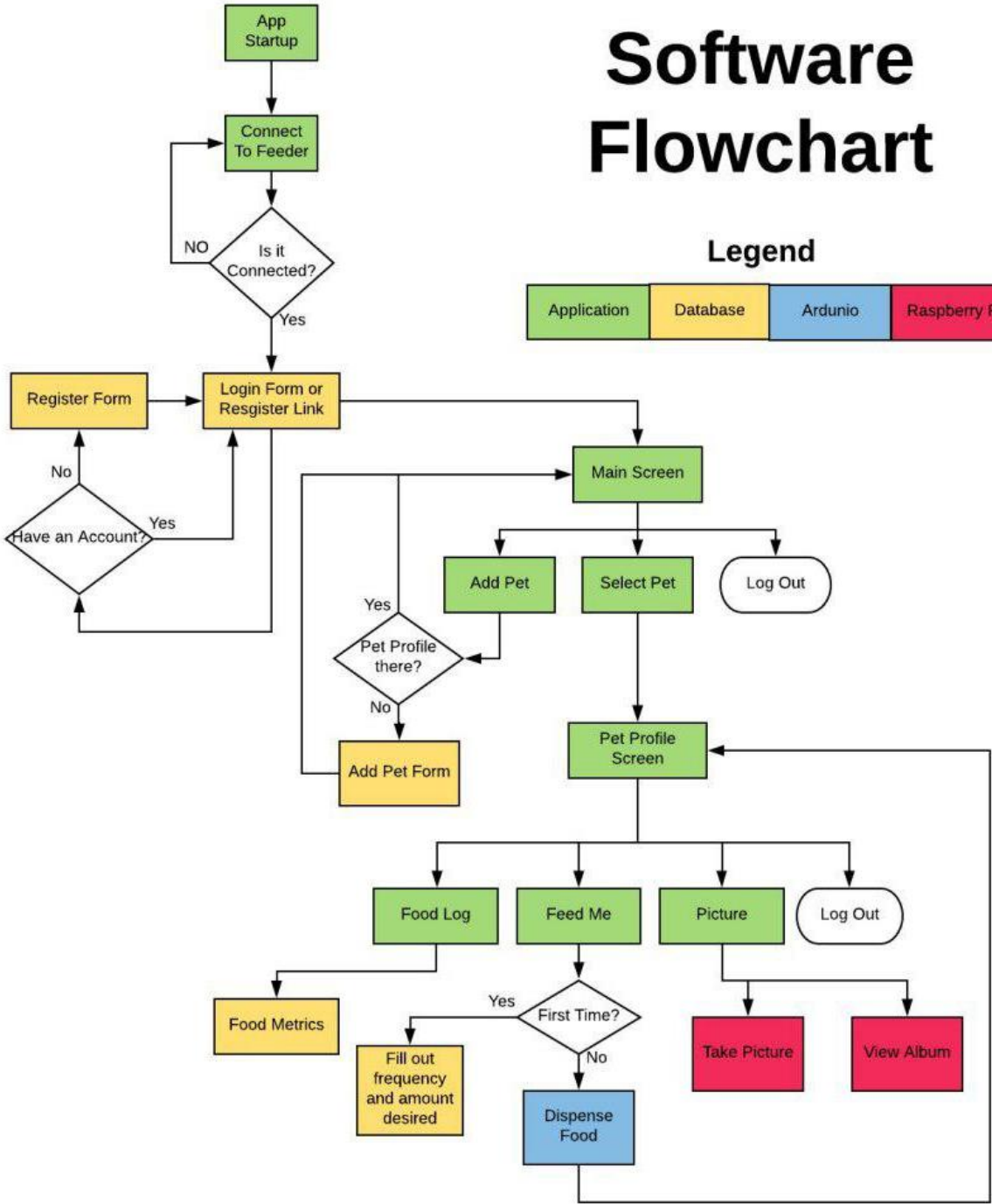
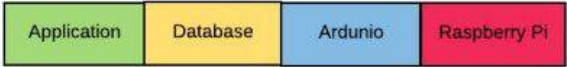


- Stands for : Linux, Apache, MySql and PHP
- Will be Used for creating and maintaining the backend and API of the app
- Will be using PHP mysqli API to connect to the Database
- Reliable and plenty of documentation
- Easy to setup on the Raspberry Pi

LAMP Stack

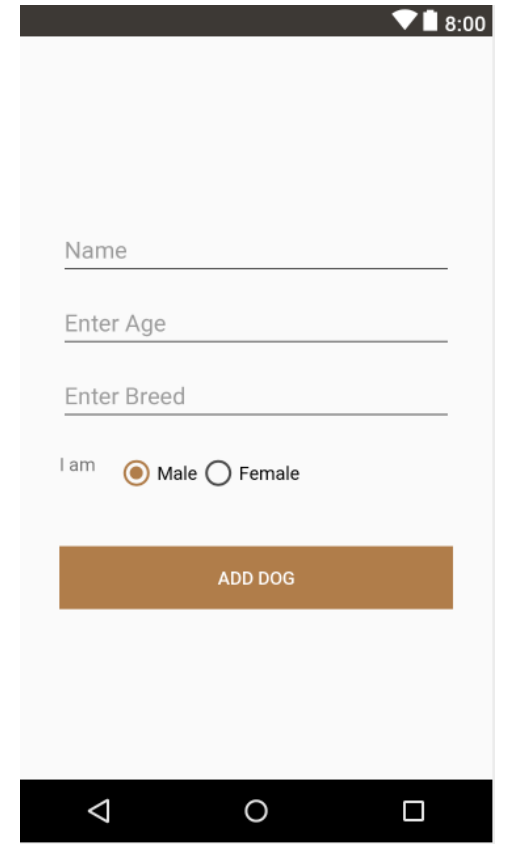
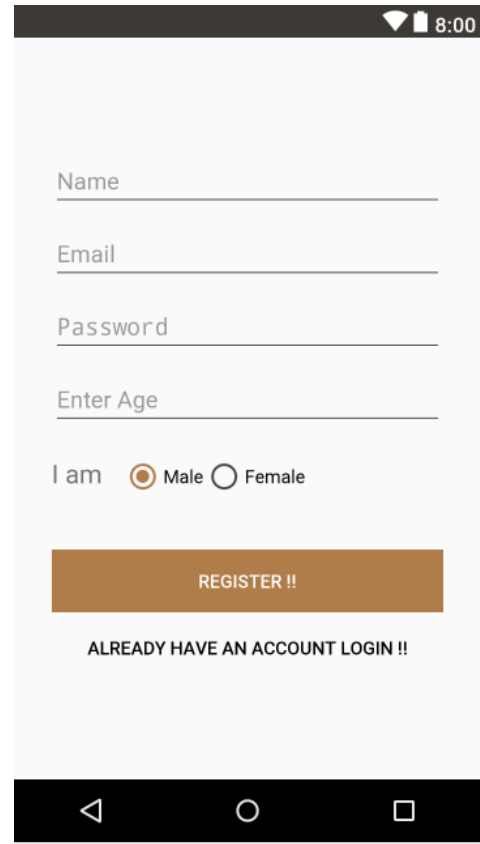
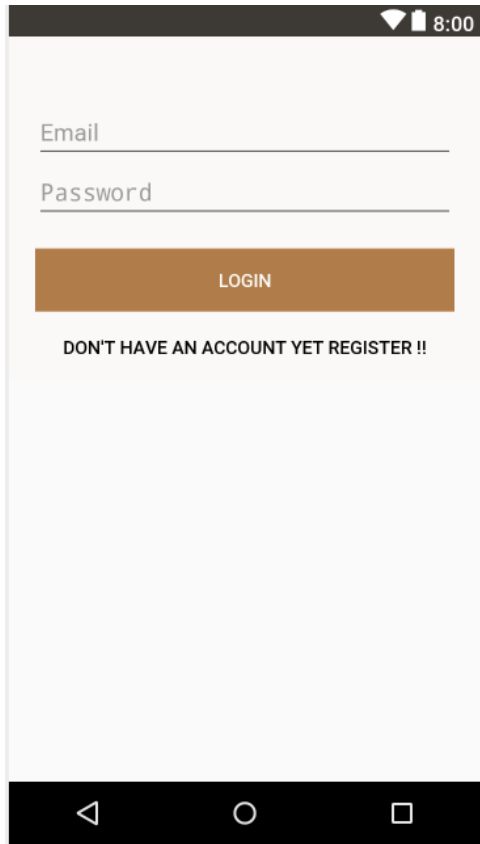
Software Flowchart

Legend



Ability to receive PUSH notifications such as:

- Pet has been fed
- When food is low
- When water level is low



Mobile Application GUI

Setting up the Configuration File

- There are two configuration files: Raspberry Pi and Signal PCB
 - Raspberry Pi = Master and Signal PCB = Slave
 - Configuration file updated on Pi
 - Pi sends configuration file to Signal PCB
- *Important for manual feeding override

Mobile App Development

Reasons for using Android Studio

- Free and Open Source
- Reduces Developers cost (One time registration fee)
- Using Java with an abundance of libraries
- Testing Emulator
- Documentation



Android
Studio

Signal PCB Programming

Programming the ATMEGA328P-PU is
done with Arduino Sketch IDE

- Very easy to use
- Open Source Software
- Can be expanded to use C++ libraries
- Much easier to incorporate objects and functions





Work Distribution

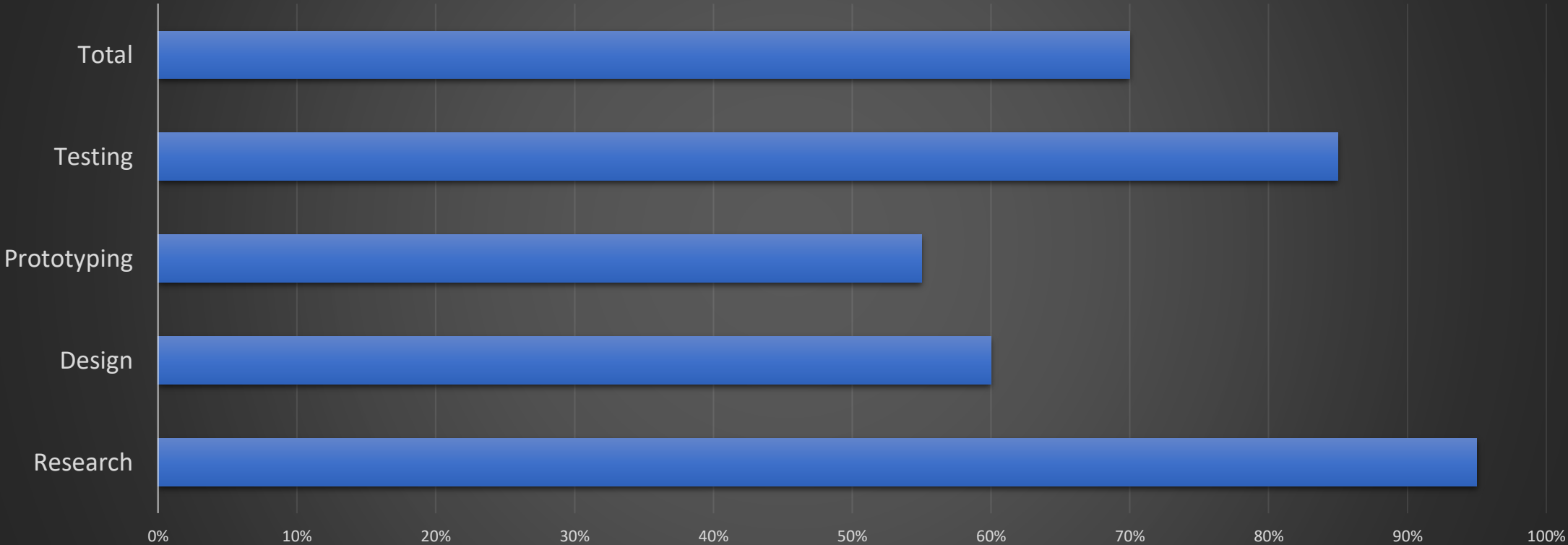
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| Paola Buitrago | | Secondary | Primary | Primary | Primary | Primary |
| Malcolm Morgan | Secondary | Primary | | Secondary | | Primary |
| Hector Rodriguez | Primary | | | | | Primary |

Administrative Content - Cost

| Parts | Price | Multiplier | Subtotal |
|-------------------|---------|------------|----------|
| 16MHz Crystal | \$0.46 | 2 | 0.92 |
| Proximity Sensor | \$0.99 | 1 | 0.99 |
| ATMEGA328P-PU | \$2.50 | 2 | 5 |
| SD Card | \$5.99 | 1 | 5.99 |
| Motor Drivers | \$6.59 | 1 | 6.59 |
| RFID Sensor | \$7.98 | 1 | 7.98 |
| SD Card Reader | \$8.45 | 1 | 8.45 |
| Camera Module | \$9.99 | 1 | 9.99 |
| AC DC 12V Adapter | \$10 | 1 | 10 |
| Miscellaneous | \$10 | 1 | 10 |
| DC Water Motor | \$12.59 | 1 | 12.59 |
| DC Food Motor | \$12.98 | 1 | 12.98 |
| Load Cell Scale | \$8.50 | 2 | 17 |
| LM2596S | \$5.71 | 3 | 17.13 |
| Printer Filament | \$20.00 | 1 | 20 |
| Raspberry Pi | \$35 | 1 | 35 |
| Total | | | 180.61 |

Administrative Content - Progress

Chart Title



Questions?

